

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Please amend claim 30 as follows.

30. (six times amended) An apparatus, comprising:

means for translating switch-fabric communications into communications defined according to a uniform switch-intelligence interface, the means for translating being implemented in a network element separate from a switch-fabric;

means for processing the switch-fabric communications comprising facility related event information associated with a call, wherein the facility related event is received as raw or unprocessed data which is associated with user activity at a telephone device, the means for processing being configured to:

maintain call states for at least one party involved in the call in accordance with a call model, and

execute the call model to generate connection information for completing the call; and

means for translating the communications defined according to the uniform switch-intelligence interface into switch-fabric communications.